

I am privileged to have befriended Ruth Swiggett and am proud to speak of this renowned woman who has taught us all the significance of humanism and social justice.

CONGRATULATING SPECIAL  
AGENT TIMOTHY LATTERNER

**HON. MARGE ROUKEMA**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2002*

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Special Agent Timothy Latterner, resident of Allendale, New Jersey, and decorated member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for his dedication to protecting our country. Later today, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale will pay tribute to Special Agent Latterner for his outstanding service to our country and the people of New Jersey. On this day, he will also be honored for his heroism and success in ending the trail of violence of one of the FBI's most wanted fugitives. As stories and reports from this dramatic event become known, we can understand the gravity of the situation as well as the outstanding skill of Special Agent Latterner as he protected the lives of innocent citizens. A leader of the men and women who bravely defend the citizens of this country, Special Agent Latterner is truly a hero of Allendale, of New Jersey, and of the country.

Special Agent Latterner's career in law enforcement is certainly impressive. Aside from serving in the Military Police in our Nation's army, he has been active as a Patrolman of the Borough of Allendale Police Department as well as the city of Fort Lee Police Department. Special Agent Latterner has always found the time and energy to participate in every aspect of his community. While serving in the Allendale and Fort Lee Police Departments, he also was a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) instructor to local youth. Almost seven years ago, he began a career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and today serves in New York City as a member of the FBI's Fugitive Task Force and SWAT team.

The awards and honors Special Agent Latterner has received are tremendous, and quite outstanding. To list only a few: he has received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for Combat in Panama, Medal of Valor from the New York City Police Department, the Heroism Award from the New York Fraternal Police Order, and named Investigator of the Year by the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation. Most recently, his name was submitted for the FBI Medal of Valor for heroic actions.

One of Special Agent Latterner's most remarkable moments will be honored in Allendale today. His dedication to his career and the pursuit of justice brought him to Atlantic City on May 11, 2001. With a lead on a notorious and deadly fugitive wanted nationwide, Special Agent Latterner and two other law enforcement officials pursued the man successfully to a casino. Witnesses said that the scene was right out of the movies. For Special Agent Latterner, it was the final step in a chase across States for a man the FBI named in its most wanted. The fugitive was wanted for murder, sexual assault, kidnapping and

armed robbery. In a crowded chaotic room, Special Agent Latterner was able to successfully subdue this armed and dangerous man and prevent injury to the other law officials or the public. I do not doubt that Special Agent Latterner spared the lives of his partners and witnesses as he apprehended the dangerous criminal. This heroism and professionalism deserves our utmost respect and appreciation.

I am honored to have such a man residing in the 5th District of New Jersey, and serving our country. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Special Agent Latterner for his actions that heroic day in Atlantic City, and for his outstanding career in enforcing our country's laws and defending our citizens. I wish him all the best for the rest of his remarkable career.

HONORING THE GOOD HOPE  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. KEN BENTSEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2002*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the congregation of the Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church at 3015 North MacGregor Way in Houston, Texas, as they observe the church's 130th anniversary on March 23–24, 2002. The church's long history of providing spiritual nourishment and community service will be celebrated with a music workshop, luncheon and two Sunday services.

The Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1872, nine years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. The former slaves began to exercise their hard won freedom to worship God after having been prohibited from congregating in large numbers and from holding services. The church was first located on Valentine Street in the Freedman Town area of Fourth Ward, eventually moving to a larger facility on the corner of Wilson and Saulnier Streets which was later damaged by fire. In 1933 the congregation moved into its first modern structure. Then on March 22, 1981, the church moved to its current central location to better service the needs of its membership.

Six Pastors have served as leaders of Good Hope over the last 130 years. The church was established under the leadership of Reverend Samuel Grantham, known as Father Grant-ham, and he continued in his role as church leader until he passed away in 1891. The second pastor, Reverend C.H. Hunt served from 1893 until his death in 1921; the third pastor, Reverend Henry C. Cashaw served from 1922 until his death in 1934; the fourth pastor, Reverend Albert A. Lucas served till his death in the pulpit in 1963; the fifth pastor, Reverend Crawford W. Kimble was elected and served from 1964 until his retirement in January 1994; and the sixth and current pastor, Reverend D.Z. Cofield has served as Senior Pastor since March 1994.

Today, the membership is one of the largest African American congregations in Houston. A few of the ministries are Christian Education, counseling, Wellness, and the Hope Resource Center. This year Good Hope will break ground on a 25,000 square foot Family Life Center to better serve the membership and surrounding community. This facility will in-

clude a state of the art auditorium/cafe/terea, commercial kitchen, 20 classrooms, library/bookstore, and day care center. Also, Good Hope has a faith-based nonprofit community development corporation, Hope for Families, Inc., which was organized in 1994.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Pastor Cofield and all the members of Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate their 130th anniversary. I wish them continued success as they build on the strong sense of community they have helped establish in Houston.

TO HONOR THE SERVICE OF RICH-  
ARD 'DICK' HEALING, NAVY DI-  
RECTOR OF SAFETY AND SUR-  
VIVABILITY

**HON. CURT WELDON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2002*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, a valued asset of the Navy and a dear friend of mine will retire after a long and distinguished career in public service. Richard 'Dick' Healing selflessly served as the Navy's first Director of Safety and Survivability. His objective was the operational safety of our servicemen and women in combat and training. Whenever the well-being of the individuals who would operate the various aircraft, weapons and machinery was ignored or overlooked, Dick Healing made it a priority so that no design created unreasonable risks.

Dick's contribution affected the lives of all Navy personnel. He took pride in closely overseeing the assessment and procurement of countless technology improvements. He is most well-known for aviation safety including, but not limited to, the addition of the life-saving Helicopter Emergency Egress Device (HEED) and the use of flight recorders on combat aircraft. Thanks to his tireless efforts, countless Navy personnel and their families would never have to experience the loss of a loved one due to hasty or imprudent engineering.

Dick's services to America did not begin with his life-saving Navy survivability work. After dedicating 29 years of his life to the Coast Guard, Captain Healing held four Navy commands, including the Command of a patrol gunboat during the Vietnam War and Command of the Secretary of Defense Crisis Coordination Center Reserve Unit. He served as Team Chief in this unit during Desert Shield and Desert Storm and is the recipient of 26 medals and awards including the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

As a licensed Professional Engineer and a graduate from the Naval War College, he was selected to be a Presidential Exchange Executive in 1990 and was a Senior Executive Fellow at Harvard University in 1991. After acting as President and CEO of a Connecticut contracting and engineering firm and as Executive Vice President of a military parts manufacturer, Dick Healing has been with the Secretary of Navy since 1983. A family man and a man of great character, Richard Healing takes great pride in his wife Darlene and their three grown children.

My friend's tireless dedication to improving the safety of our Navy will be missed. It has

been an honor to work with him in pursuit of this noble goal. America's armed forces and I applaud his service. A grateful nation wishes him and his family the very best.

#### TRIBUTE TO THEODORE BLUM

##### HON. MICHAEL FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2002*

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Theodore Blum, a resident of Hillsborough, New Jersey, on his recent nomination to the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

Mr. Blum will be one of the inaugural 100 members of the National 4-H Hall of Fame, which has been created to commemorate the 100th anniversary of this world-renowned service organization.

Known by many as "Mr. 4-H," Theodore Blum served as Somerset County, New Jersey's 4-H agent from 1956 to 1984, the longest anyone has held that position since the county program began in the mid-1920s.

As county agent, Mr. Blum oversaw the construction of a 20,000-square-foot facility in Bridgewater, New Jersey, which is the largest 4-H center in the state. He initiated a program that enrolled six through eight year olds in a 4-H prep program that inspired similar programs throughout New Jersey. Mr. Blum also oversaw the growth of the county 4-H Fair to its status now as one of the largest free fairs in New Jersey, and tirelessly promoted the 4-H and their activities by distributing pamphlets to local newspaper and schools.

But most importantly, Theodore Blum helped enrollment in Somerset County 4-H programs from 500 to 2,500 members, paving the way for greater involvement by young people in their community.

Today I commend Theodore Blum, who recently has turned 75 years old, for his leadership and congratulate him on being named as one of the first one hundred members of the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

#### HONORING REVEREND JOE GRIZZLE

##### HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2002*

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American, a wonderful family man and a true servant of God: Reverend Joe Grizzle.

Reverend Grizzle has recently accomplished a great feat: celebrating 25 years in the same church, in the same town: First Free Will Baptist Church of Norman, Oklahoma—in the heart of the 4th district of Oklahoma.

And heart is what this is all about. Churchgoers at First Free Will refer to their home as the Church with a heart. Many Oklahomans have commented that Joe Grizzle has a great big heart. A heart that cares for others, a heart that cares for his wife Billie and his children Christy and Rick and their spouses Jeff and Kim and 5 beautiful grandchildren, and a heart that recently was broken but thankfully God saw fit to mend it back together again to allow

him to continue his ministry. More than that, Rev. Grizzle has a heart that cares for God. And like David, he is a man after God's own heart.

Rev. Grizzle knows what it means to teach and be obedient. He knows what it is to plant seeds that will bloom well into eternity. He knows what is done for God will last. While we debate budgets and appropriations and talk of legislation, Rev. Grizzle is doing the real work of this great nation: healing hurts, mending brokenness and putting families back together and talking about the things of God.

When it comes to keeping this nation great and strong, we need to look to our families and our churches. Especially right now, our churches have been raised for such a time as this. Rev. Grizzle is a credit to this nation and a testimony of God's grace as he celebrates 25 years of ministry at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Norman, Oklahoma.

#### RECOGNIZING STEW FLAHERTY

##### HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2002*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, all of us were thrilled to watch Jill Bakken and Vonetta Flowers make history by winning a Gold Medal in the first-ever women's bobsledding competition at the Winter Olympics. But there might not have been a Gold Medal, or even a women's bobsledding event, without Stew Flaherty of Westerville, OH.

After meeting two of the U.S. athletes in a Westerville gym 7 years ago, Stew spearheaded a campaign to make the women's bobsled an Olympic sport. He organized a letter writing campaign to pressure the International Bobsled and Skeleton Federation and the International Olympic Committee to include the event in the Salt Lake City games. Along with others, Stew helped build the sport internationally by convincing other countries to create teams.

As women's coach Bill Tavares told the Columbus Dispatch, "Without Stew's support we wouldn't be here." And to quote Gold Medalist Jill Bakken, "Stew's role was huge. He was supporting us when no one else was."

Stew Flaherty's efforts show that with hard work and a never-give-up attitude, you can move mountains. Or in Stew's case, make it possible for others to win Olympic gold.

#### HONORING BILL JOHNSON

##### HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2002*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, We in the 7th District are deeply saddened by the loss of one of our greatest friends; a man who carried the torch not only for truth and justice as an excellent lawyer, but also stood as an outstanding community volunteer.

Bill Johnson was born November 10, 1932 in Moreland, Georgia. He graduated from Moreland High School and received his B.A. from West Georgia College in 1951. After graduating Bill moved on to the University of

Georgia, where he received his juris doctorate in 1954. After serving a three-year stint in the Army, Bill continued on to a distinguished law career, operating as the Carroll County government attorney between 1969 and 1984, and then in private practice, eventually opening his own firm—Johnson, Word, and Simons, which still remains in Carroll County.

Bill was a member of numerous legal and financial organizations, including the Carroll County Bar, the Coweta Circuit Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He also served as a board member for the Community Bank and the Peoples Bank of West Georgia. Bill also belonged to several philanthropic groups such as the Lions Club and the Jaycees. He was extremely active with the First Baptist Church, as well as the Masons and Shriners.

On a personal note, Bill was my friend. He enjoyed sponsoring huge annual BBQ fundraisers, and was one of my biggest and most outspoken supporters. I will dearly miss the grace, and dignity, and humor he brought to the courtroom and the political arena, and the dedication he offered up to all.

Bill left us to join his Creator in heaven on Monday, February 18, 2002, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Ramona Teal Johnson, his daughter Angela Lee Johnson, and his son Alton Parker Johnson II, a Carroll County Magistrate Judge. We will all miss him and his legacy of dedicated service.

#### MILITARY SPENDING AND PUBLIC HEALTH

##### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 28, 2002*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my colleagues' attention to an Op-ed in the Chicago Tribune (February 17, 2002), by the highly esteemed Dr. Quentin Young, "President puts military funds ahead of those for health." As the head of Physicians for A National Health Program and the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group, Dr. Young reports on the uncertain and frightening future of a disintegrating public health system.

With a \$340 million reduction in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's expenditures not devoted to "anti-terrorism," the Bush Administration is abandoning needed support for our public health system. Dr. Young highlights how the Bush Administration has subordinated public health to military priorities, through \$57 million slash in the program for chronic disease prevention and health promotion, a \$10 million cut for infectious disease control, and a \$9 million cut for Medicaid funding.

We have made great strides in public health over the last 150 years with strong focus, and fiscal and political support. Life expectancy in our country has doubled, from 40 years to 80 years, through "...[t]he separation of sewage from drinking water, mass immunization, discovery and elimination of insect vectors of disease, improved nutrition, prenatal care, purification of the food supply, addressing ambient pollution, and diminishing workplace hazards."

But in recent decades, we have neglected critical public health needs, eroding our ability